

Milwaukee wins \$1.98 million in EPA cleanup grants

The City of Milwaukee was awarded \$1.98 million in grants by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use in testing and cleaning up city brownfield sites. This new money brings Milwaukee up to \$15.9 million in such grants since the year 2000.

Brownfield's are vacant and underutilized properties whose sale and reuse has been hampered by actual or perceived environmental contamination. Milwaukee has identified a number of these sites, and has an aggressive program to assess the problems and clean them up, so that the land can be returned to use.

EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt announced more than \$75.4 million in nationwide brownfields grants in Milwaukee on Tuesday, June 16, 2004. Wisconsin is getting a total of \$10 million of that amount, including the \$1.98 million for Milwaukee projects, and another \$4 million for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to dispense.

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee owns all three of the properties to which cleanup grants were awarded. The property at 1333 W. Pierce Street is the former location of TryChem, a former chemical manufacturing and disposal facility. Cleanup grant funds will be used to remove and properly dispose of contaminated soils at the site so that the property can be made available for new development.

The 2004 EPA \$1.98 million in grants will be applied as follows:

| Location or Program | Amount | Intended Use |
|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 3009 N. Humboldt Boulevard | \$200,000 | Clean Up |
| 2121 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue | \$200,000 | Clean Up |
| 1333 W. Pierce Street | \$180,000 | Clean Up |
| Hazardous Site Assessment Grant | \$200,000 | City-wide testing |
| Petroleum Site Assessment Grant | \$200,000 | City-wide testing |
| Revolving Loan Fund | \$1,000,000 | City-wide clean up loans |